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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action of 3-16-2001 and interview of 5-14-2001.

In the Claims

Please cancel all submissions of February 13, February 14 and March 9.

Please amend claims as follows:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice.

Please rewrite Claim 10 in independent form as follows:

I 10. A method of forming a continuous film layer of a thermoplastic composition onto a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- providing a molten thermoplastic composition;
- advancing a substrate along a path;
- dispensing a continuous film of said thermoplastic composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the thermoplastic composition has a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/second at the coating temperature and a complex viscosity ranging from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;
- suspending said film between said coating device and said substrate; and